Ban on the Work on Low BOAA Kesaridal

233. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of farmers and the Academy of Nutrition Development, Nagpur met him on the 13th March, 1996 on the question of stopping the work on development of low BOAA Kesaridal;

(b) whether in that meeting it was proposed to hold a joint meeting of Ministers and Officials of Health and Family Welfare and Agriculture;

(c) if so, whether the proposed meeting has been convened;

(d) if the meeting was convened the conclusions thereof; and

(e) if not, whether such a meeting is proposed to be convened shortly; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision was taken for holding a joint meeting of Ministers and Officials of Health and Family Welfare and Agriculture.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

Formulation of Action Plan for Agricultural Sector

234. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 158 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th July, 1996 and state:

(a) whether the New Agriculture Policy envisages any action plan for development of agricultural sector; and

(b) if so, the steps taken for formulation of such Action Plan; and if an Action Plan has since been laid down the projections made therein?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) The revised Draft Agriculture Policy currently under consideration envisages preparation of an Action Plan for implementing the policy.

(b) Action for formulation of Action Plan can be initiated only after finalization of the policy.

Completion of Konkan Railway Line

235. DR. MOHAN BABU:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tunnels in Goa for completion of Konkan Railway Line have been dug up; and

(b) by when the Konkan Railway would be fully operational for rail link between Mumbai and Mangalore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. The work in the tunnels is still continuing.

(b) The line is currently expected to become operational by 31.3.97.

शासकीय पॉलीटेक्नीक में प्रयोगशाला

236. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गुजरात तथा अन्य राज्यों में शासकीय पॉलीटेक्नीक की कुल कितनी प्रयोगशालाओं का विश्व बैंक की सहायता से आधुनिकीकरण किया गया है;

(ख) इस प्रयोजनार्थ अब तक विश्व बैंक की सहायता में से राज्य-वार कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है;

(ग) प्रत्येक राज्य में विश्व बैंक की सहायता से कितने अनुसंधान केन्द्र खोले गए हैं;

(घ) वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान, उक्त कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत कितनी धनराशि व्यय करने का प्रस्ताव है; और

(ङ) उक्त अवधि के दौरान, किन-किन राज्यों में से नए पॉलीटेक्निकों की स्थापना करने हेतु आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं?